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In re Patent Application of:
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For: WATERMARK INFORMATION
EMBEDDING APPARATUS
WATERMARK INFORMATION
DETECTING APPARATUS,
WATERMARK INFORMATION
EMBEDDING METHOD, WATERMARK
INFORMATION DETECTING METHOD
AND PRINT MATERIAL

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

Listed for consideration on the attached PTO/SB/08 is one U.S. patent publication, which was cited in the attached Chinese Office Action dated October 12, 2007, issued in the corresponding Chinese application. Further relevance of the publication can be gleaned from the attached translation of said Chinese Office Action.

It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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